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TAGS: PBOR MOPS MO SP

SUBJECT: ARMED INCIDENT BETWEEN SPANISH AIRCRAFT AND
MOROCCAN GUNBOAT

REF : MADRID 1753

1. PRO- GOVERNMENT " MAROC SOIR" WHICH OFTEN SEMI- OFFICIAL
GOM SPOKESMAN REPORTS APRIL 2 INCIDENT BETWEEN SPANISH
AIRCRAFT AND MOROCCAN GUNBOAT ON APRIL 3. PAPER SAYS
GUNBOAT, THE " SADDIK," SURPRISED SPANISH BOAT IN FORBIDDEN
FISHING ZONE AND SEIZED IT. WHILE GUNBOAT WAS ESCORTING
FISHING BOAT TO MOROCCAN PORT OF AGADIR, SPANISH AMPHIBIOUS
AIRCRAFT #221-3 CAME ON SCENE AND FIRED 20 MM (SIC)
ROCKET AT MOROCCAN BOAT WHICH WAS NOT REPEAT NOT STRUCK.
SPANISH PLANE FLEW OFF AND GUNBOAT BROUGHT SPANISH BOAT
INTO AGADIR.

2. " MAROC SOIR" ITEM CONCLUDES " THIS SERIOUS ATTACK IS A
CLEAR CASE OF AGGRESSION CONSTITUTING AN ATTACK AGAINST
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MOROCCAN NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND PEACE IN GENERAL. IT
REQUIRES THE CONDEMNATION OF HIGH INTERNATIONAL BODIES
AND PARTICULARLY THE SECURITY COUNCIL." ISTIQLAL PRESS
MORNING APRIL 3 BRIEFLY REPORTED INCIDENT AND SAID
MOROCCAN SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED. THERE NO MENTION LOCAL
PRESS REPORT IN REFTEL THAT MOROCCAN BOAT FIRED ON SPANISH
AIRCRAFT.

3. COMMENT: INCIDENT BOUND TO MAKE DIPLOMATIC RESOLUTION
MOROCCAN- SPANISH BILATERAL PROBLEMS MORE DIFFICULT THAN
EVER. WE SEEKING FURTHER DETAILS FROM SPANISH MILITARY
ATTACHE.
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